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Dear: Dan Stemmer, PCT Legal Office

As requested by your email of 25 August 2000, enclosed please find copies of the Request Form, Form PCT/IB/310 and the IPER.

With best regards,

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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item (1) ITALY	27th December 1995 (27.12.95)	RM95A000850	
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Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office (a fee may be required):

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1. request : 3 sheets
2. description : 17 [18] sheets
3. claims : 4 sheets
4. abstract : 1 sheets
5. drawings : 2 sheets
Total : 27 [28] sheets

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Figure No. _____ of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.

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The International Bureau transmits herewith the following documents and number thereof:

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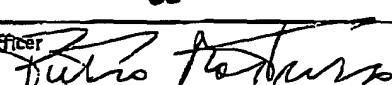
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Applicant MIDIA LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consists of a total of 3 sheets.
3. This report contains indications and corresponding pages relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the report
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

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the international application as originally filed

the description, pages 1-17, as originally filed
pages , filed with the demand
pages , filed with the letter of

the claims, Nos. , as originally filed
Nos. , as amended under Article 19
Nos. , filed with the demand
Nos. 1-15 , filed with the letter of January 7,
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the drawings, sheets / fig. 1/2 to 2/2, as originally filed
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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.
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3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2 (c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty	Claims	1-9, 11-17	YES
	Claims	10	NO
Inventive Step	Claims	1-9, 11-17	YES
	Claims	10	NO
Industrial Applicability	Claims	1-17	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and Explanations

Claims 1-9 and 11-17 cover new matter and are therefore admissible under Art. 33(1) PCT. In fact no milk or milk-derived product has been proposed for prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes (IDD). Instead it is considered that the wording of claim 10 is insufficient to distinguish its subject matter from the prior art. Therefore claim 10 is objectionable under Art. 33(2) PCT. In consideration of the disclosure 1 to 6, the objective problem underlying the present application is considered to reside in the provision of alternative products useful in the prevention of IDD. The applicant has submitted no proof that milk derivatives lacking determined beta-casein sequences can be useful in the prevention of IDD; however this assumption can be held as tenable in consideration of the document Lancet 348, pages 926-928 (1996).

Even though the prior art mentions milk derivatives depleted in β -casein, no hint is provided about a relation of this protein or some of its specific subsequence with IDD.

Therefore claims 1-9, 11-17 can be considered to possess an inventive step under Art. 33(3) PCT.

Claims 1-17 are provided with industrial applicability under Art. 33(4) PCT.

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application no. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO-A-9636239 (McLachlan)	21-11-1996	9-5-1996	16-5-1995
WO-A-9614577 (The National Child Research Foundation et al.)	17-5-1996	3-11-1995	4-11-1994

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 10, containing a reference to milk enriched in β -casein for use in prevention of IDD, is considered to be contradictory with the other claims. In fact the starting point of the present application is the provision of alternative dietary products for prevention of IDD; this disease has been demonstrated to be related to β -casein or to some of its sequences. Claim 10, in its present form, covers also product enriched in unmodified β -casein, which cannot therefore be used for the above purpose.

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CLAIMS

1. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes substantially free of non-human beta casein.
2. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes, substantially free of beta casein from non-human mammals resulting immunogenic in view of molecular mimicry with the GLUT 2 protein.
3. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes, substantially free of beta casein from non-human mammals resulting immunogenic due to molecular mimicry with the protein GLUT2 and to which non-immunogenic beta caseins selected among the animal, vegetable and/or synthetic ones and mixtures thereof have been added.
4. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes, substantially free of caseins comprising the sequence: Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-His (SEQ ID NO:1) or Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:2) or the sequences comprising them: Ser-Leu-Val-Tyr-Pro-Phe-Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-His-Asn (SEQ ID NO:3) or Ser-Leu-Val-Tyr-Pro-Phe-Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-Pro-Asn (SEQ ID NO:4).
5. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes comprising caseins which do not present the sequence: Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-His (SEQ ID NO:1) or Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:2), said caseins being selected among those in which:

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- some or all of the amino acids in the said sequences are modified;
- the said sequences are removed;
- the said sequences are substituted by the homologous sequence in human beta casein and related mixtures.

6. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes comprising caseins presenting the sequence Val-Glu-Pro-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:5) or a longer sequence comprising it: Ser-Leu-Val-Tyr-Pro-Phe-Val-Glu-Pro-Ile-Pro-Tyr (SEQ ID NO:6).

7. Product according to claims 1-6 and integrated with vegetable, animal and/or synthetic beta caseins with peptides derived from the hydrolysis of animal, vegetable and/or synthetic proteins lacking the sequence Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-His (SEQ ID NO:1) or Pro-Gly-Pro-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:2) and mixtures thereof.

8. Dietary or pharmaceutical products derived from milk, or milk itself, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes comprising caseins in which beta casein is lacking the amino acid sequence Gly-Pro-Ile-His (SEQ ID NO:7) or Gly-Pro-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:8) because it has been produced by animal species genetically not producing proteins with such a sequence.

9. Milk naturally lacking beta casein, produced by genetically modified animals, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

10. Milk containing human beta casein obtained from genetically manipulated microorganisms or animals, to be used in diets for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

11. Process to obtain a dietary product according to claim 5 in which

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the amino acid sequences are modified via application of techniques such as genetic engineering and biological cross-selection.

12. Use of beta casein or peptide fragments not demonstrating molecular mimicry with the protein GLUT2 for the preparation of dietary or pharmaceutical products for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

13. Use of beta casein or peptide fragments according to claim 12 for preparing a food dietary or pharmaceutical product for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

14. Use of caseins according to any of the claims 5-8 for preparing a food dietary or pharmaceutical product for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

15. Use of milk according to claims 9-10 for preparing a food dietary or pharmaceutical product for the prevention of insulin-dependent diabetes.

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